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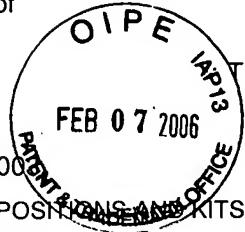
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Serial No. 10/736,899

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Title: METHODS, COMPOSITIONS AND KITS FOR BIOMARKER EXTRACTION



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Applicant claims "small entity" status. Statement filed herewith

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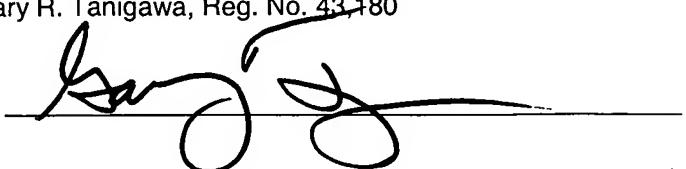
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AFTER-FINAL AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116

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Sir:

In response to the pending Final Office Action mailed December 7, 2005, entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks are respectfully requested.

The **claims** are presented on pages 2-6.

Claims 1, 3, 6 and 57-58 are amended.

Claims 2 and 5 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Remarks begin on page 7.